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1. REQUESTED PORTIONS OF LE DUC THO PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 14 APPEAR BELOW (INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH).

2. QUOTE: THE SITUATION IN SVN PROVES THAT ONLY STRICT RESPECT OF THE CEASEFIRE AND GUARANTEEING DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS TO THE POPULATION FROM THE VERY MOMENT THE CEASE- FIRE COMES INTO EFFECT COULD CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD. WITHOUT REAL PEACE, WITHOUT DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS, WITHOUT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, THERE COULD BE NO TRULY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS. UNQUOTE.

3. QUOTE: IT IS OUR ARDENT WISH THAT THERE BE REAL, FREE, AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SVN SO THAT THE EXISTING REGIME IS DONE AWAY WITH, OF WHICH THE LEAST ONE CAN SAY IS THAT IT IS NOT DEMOCRATIC. UNQUOTE.

4. QUOTE: TO TALK OF DEMOCRATIC AND FREE ELECTIONS BEFORE TALKING ABOUT A CEASEFIRE AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AMOUNTS TO PUTTING THE PLOW BEFORE THE BUFFALO. THIS IS WHY, AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, IT IS NECESSARY BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE TO ACHIEVE A TRUE CEASEFIRE IN SVN, TO RESPECT DEMOCRATIC
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FREEDOMS, AND TO BRING ABOUT NATIONAL CONCORD. IT IS ON THESE BASES THAT FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD. THAT IS OUR UNVARYING POSITION. UNQUOTE.

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5. QUOTE: THE 1954 GENEVA ACCORD WAS SIGNED IN A GIVEN CONTEXT. THE CONTEXT HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY. THE GENEVA ACCORD CONTAINS CLAUSES WHICH NO LONGER CONFORM TO THE PRESENT SITUATION. THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET- NAM RECOGNIZED IN ITS WORDING THE EXISTENCE OF TWO ADMINIS- TRATIONS, TWO ARMED FORCES, AND TWO ZONES IN SOUTH VIET- NAM. THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE PRG IS A REALITY NOT ONLY IN SVN BUT IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARNA. TO DENY THIS REALITY IS EQUIVALENT TO CLOSING ONE' S EYES AND AMOUNTS TO VIOLATION OF THE VARIOUS STIPULATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND ITS PROTOCOLS. FOR OVER TEN YEARS MORE THAN 5000,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS TRIED IN VAIN TO ELIMINATE THE NLF AND PRG. NOW NO POWER IN THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. UNQUOTE.
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